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120th COMMENCEMENT AT FANWOOD

New York School for the Deaf Holds Last Graduation at Old Site

The One Hundred and Twentieth Graduation Exercises of the New York School for the Deaf (Fanwood) were held on Sunday afternoon, June 5th, at two o'clock.

The graduates were Louis Abrahamsen, Leo Ahonen, William Bartley, John Black, David Brownbill, George Dasher, Vincent DeMarco, Francis Demoski, Leonard Forman, Thomas Fronda, Frank Fazzino, Harry Gordon, Robert Gorfein, Henry Halpert, Herman Hecht, Leonard Heller, Samuel Kaporowski, William Kearns, John Kovacs, Joseph Lamonica, James La Sala, John Lochiavo, Joseph McCaffrey, Joseph Mercia, Jeremiah O'Sullivan, Louis Pikus, Ralph Reiser, Frederick Riecke, Arthur Roecklein, Dominick Rullo, Harry Schroeder, Edward Szarewicz, and George Widmer.

The program was as follows:

1. Salute to the Colors.
 2. Invocation, Rev. Guilbert C. Braddock, Vicar, St. Ann's Church for the Deaf
 3. Anthem, "America," by the Choir and audience.
 4. Address by Dr. Ray O. Wyland, Director of Education, Boy Scouts of America.
 5. Salutatory Address and Essay on "Books," by Harry W. Schroeder, Jr.
 6. Message from the Board of Directors, by Mr. John S. Rogers, Chairman of the Committee on Instruction.
 7. Valedictory Address, with Essay on "Education," by Robert Gorfein
 8. Presentation of Certificates and Prizes.
 9. Song, "Fanwood," by the Graduates' Choir and Men's Choir.
 10. Hymn, "Now the Day is Over," by the Choir and audience.
 11. Benediction, Rev. Guilbert C. Braddock.
 12. Dismissal of the Colors, "Star Spangled Banner," by the Band
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Annual Awards and Prizes

The General Organization (Student Body) awarded a medallion to Mr. Joseph J. Endres, Chief of Physically Handicapped Children's Bureau, New York State Department of Education, for having by his interest and effort done outstanding work during the year to promote the welfare of the deaf.

A medal awarded by the General Organization to Thomas Buffamento, the member of last year's class who has been voted to have achieved the greatest success in his vocation and who is a credit to the high standards of the School.

To Robert Gorfein—An 11th-grade certificate, a vocational certificate, and the Ida Montgomery Testimonial Prize for marked excellence in academic studies.

To Harry Schroeder—An 11th-grade certificate, a vocational certificate, and the Ida Montgomery Testimonial Prize for marked excellence in academic studies and manual skill.

To Leonard Heller—A 10th-grade certificate and a vocational certificate.

To Leo Ahonen—A 10th-grade certificate, a vocational certificate, the Ida Montgomery Testimonial Prize for marked excellence in academic studies, character and manual skill, and the prize for general excellence and marked improvement in Art Metal Work.

To Jeremiah O'Sullivan—A 9th-grade certificate, a vocational certificate, and the prize for general excellence and marked improvement in Upholstering.

To Arthur Roecklein—A 9th-grade certificate, a vocational certificate, and the prize for general excellence and marked improvement in Jewelry Making.

To Harry Gordon—A 9th-grade certificate, a vocational certificate, and the prize for general excellence and marked improvement in Auto Mechanics.

To Frederick Riecke—A 9th-grade certificate, and a vocational certificate.

To James La Sala—A 9th-grade certificate, a vocational certificate, and the prize for general excellence and marked improvement in Printing.

To Samuel Kaporowski—A 9th-grade certificate, a vocational certificate, and the Ida Montgomery Testimonial Prize for marked excellence in academic studies and character.

To Herman Hecht—A 9th-grade certificate and a vocational certificate.

To Louis Abrahamsen—A 9th-grade certificate and a vocational certificate.

To Dominick Rullo—A 9th-grade certificate and a vocational certificate.

To Louis Pikus—An 8th-grade certificate and a vocational certificate.

To Leonard Forman—An 8th-grade certificate, a vocational certificate, and the Myrna Nathanson Memorial Cup, for the most outstanding qualities in character and scholarship as well as marked ability in athletics.

To Frederick Nelson—An 8th-grade certificate and a vocational certificate.

To Edward Szarewicz—An 8th-grade certificate, a vocational certificate, and the prize for general excellence and marked improvement in Cabinet Making.

To William Kearns—An 8th-grade certificate and a vocational certificate.

To Joseph Lamonica—An 8th-grade certificate and a vocational certificate.

To Vincent De Marco—An 8th-grade certificate and a vocational certificate.

To John Black—An 8th-grade certificate, a vocational certificate, and the Norbury Centennial Prize for improvement in character.

To Ralph Reiser—An 8th-grade certificate, a vocational certificate, and the prize for general excellence and improvement in Bookbinding.

To David Brownbill—A 7th-grade certificate and a vocational certificate.

To Thomas Fronda—A 7th-grade certificate, a vocational certificate, and the prize for general excellence and marked improvement in Tailoring.

To John Lochiavo—A 7th-grade certificate, a vocational certificate, and the Frizzell Prize for unremitting effort and successful attainment in well doing.

To John Kovacs—A 7th-grade certificate and a vocational certificate.

To George Widmer—A 7th-grade certificate, a vocational certificate, and the prize for general excellence and marked improvement in Sheet Metal.

To William Bartley—A 7th-grade certificate and a vocational certificate.

To Joseph McCaffrey—A 7th-grade certificate and a vocational certificate.

To Henry Halpert—A 7th-grade certificate and a vocational certificate.

To Francis Demoski—A 7th-grade certificate and a vocational certificate.

To Joseph Mercia—An ungraded certificate, a vocational certificate, and the prize for general excellence and marked improvement in Shoe Repairing.

To Frank Fazzino—An ungraded certificate, a vocational certificate, and the Frizzell Prize for unremitting effort and successful attainment in well doing.

To George Dasher—An ungraded certificate and a vocational certificate.

To Irving Goldstein—A Special Vocational Certificate.

To George Konrady—The prize provided by the Manhattan Literary Association of Deaf-Mutes of New York City for excellence attained in both the educational and printing departments.

To Stanley Hoffman—The William H. Fogg Prize for general excellence in the Intermediate Department.

To Duino Fachin—The prize for general excellence and marked improvement in Applied Art.

To David Hecht—The prize for general excellence and marked improvement in Baking.

To George Brattesani—The prize for general excellence and marked improvement in Applied Electricity.

To Anthony Milnerowitz—The prize for general excellence and marked improvement in the General Shop.

To Joseph Maggio—The prize for general excellence and marked improvement in Handicraft.

To Robert Norflus—The prize for general excellence and marked improvement in Photography.

To William Fitzpatrick—The prize for general excellence and marked improvement in Sign Painting.

To Abraham Cook—The prize for general excellence and marked improvement in Sloyd.

To Kenneth Rollock and Alexander Schmidt—The Merit System Medals for highest number of credits for good conduct and effort in school and vocational classes during the year.

SALUTATORY ADDRESS

By Harry Schroeder

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the class of 1938, bid you a hearty welcome.

At the approach of our graduation our hearts are filled with joy, but we must realize that our freedom from responsibility will be short-lived as we must soon go out and face the world with its stark realities and practical problems. We must now become self-supporting and earn our own bread and butter. Throughout our school days we have been guided by our kindly superintendent, teachers and associates. We wish to express our sincerest appreciation to them.

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

By Robert Gorfein

To the Members of the Board of Directors:

May we thank you a thousand times for your kindness in helping, sheltering and educating us. We are so grateful that we shall never forget your kindness and we promise that your efforts for us will not be wasted. May we again thank you a thousand times.

To the Superintendent, Principals and Teachers:

We thank you for your generous services that have helped prepare us for the future. We will do our best out in the world to do what you have taught us. Again we offer our sincere thanks to you.

To the Graduates of 1938:

Everyone is wishing you lots of good luck, prosperity and happiness, and telling you how to acquire them. You should do what you have been taught so as to get real help from your education.

In the future I hope that we will meet again and talk over fond memories of our old school days and that our feelings of love and kindness toward our school will be everlasting.

The Old School Closes

It is with mixed emotions that we draw near to the closing of the old school on Fort Washington Heights. Nearly four score years and ten the forces of a unique humanitarian service have functioned within these walls. These buildings throb with the traditions and memories of those who have served and who have been served here to the point where the moment of departure becomes almost heart-breaking. However, it is in the same consecrated spirit of service, strengthened and inspired by its traditions that the School looks forward to renewed activity and accomplishment in a new environment. It is quite appropriate that the organization which succeeds our School on this site is one also consecrated to service to humanity.

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IN THE passing of the years a long list of women and men rendered invaluable assistance in increasing the renown of Fanwood and its beneficial services to humanity through preparing deaf children to become useful citizens. Most of them have passed over to the higher life, but their names and beneficial accomplishments remain to us honored and revered.

Happily there is still connected with the faculty the loyal daughter of a prominent professor in the person of Miss Amelia E. Berry, Principal of the Primary and Intermediate departments of the school classes. Her father, Rev. Thomas B. Berry, became a professor in 1863. He was a scholar of keen intelligence, with previous experience in teaching the deaf, and possessed superior qualifications in this line of instruction. His interest in the work was not confined to mere daily classroom exercises, but included the maintenance of close relations with the adult deaf and their spiritual improvement. At that time Rev. Dr. Thomas Gallaudet of St. Ann's Church, New York, who had also previously been connected with Fanwood as a professor, was at the head of the Church Mission for Deaf-Mutes, and this line of service strongly attracted Mr. Berry and led to his resignation from the School to assist in the work of the Mission; resigning from the school, he became a professor at the Maryland School, and later entered upon this service to the deaf in addition to ministering services to a hearing congregation.

While Rector of Christ Church, Manlius, N. Y., he was also director of the Church Mission to the Deaf in the dioceses of Central and Western New York. He ministered to their spiritual advancement through the medium of the sign language as opportunity afforded, assisting to obtain employment for such requiring work, providing the services of an interpreter when necessary. He sought to

put rectors of parishes in communication with the deaf and their relatives, and assisted other clergymen, by way of interpretation, in preparing the deaf for church affiliation. His work, as a branch of Diocesan missionary labor began in 1882 under appointment by the Bishop of Central New York, and was later extended to the Diocese of Western New York by the bishop of that see.

He held himself in readiness to assist rectors in ministering to the deaf within their parishes, in giving instruction, interpreting church services and in presenting the aims and objects of the mission to congregations, all in entire harmony with the work of the Church Mission to the deaf. In time Mr. Berry became rector of various churches of hearing congregations, but continued to maintain church services for the deaf at stated intervals. Each year his various activities assisted over 700 deaf people in Central and Northern New York. His work gradually extended beyond the limits of New York to include several Western states. This led him as far as South Dakota, where he was instrumental in establishing and opening a school for the deaf which eventually ripened into the present State school at Sioux Falls. Returning East he became rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd and Registrar of the diocese in Buffalo, still ministering to the deaf as occasion permitted, and also for seven years was Chaplain of the 74th Regiment of the National Guard. In this military service he was greatly esteemed by the officers and men of the regiment for his simple and cordial disposition. He offered to accompany the regiment to Cuba in 1898 during the Spanish-American war. His was an existence teeming with many and various duties, but throughout all he never relaxed his life-long interest in the deaf and fruitful service for their spiritual and temporal welfare.

THERE is widespread local interest in the proposed removal of some of the elevated railways in the city as having served their purpose and become mere shabby concerns. At the time when they were constructed and served in speeding travel, they formed one of the wonders of the town; today many consider them a nuisance, a blur on the avenues they traverse. They are no longer an ornament, and are not to be compared with the conveniences of modern cars with the increased speed of interlinking subway lines that intersect the city.

This brings vividly to mind the striking contrast between the olden modes of travel in reaching Fanwood from down town. With no better means available, one might take horse cars, starting at Canal Street and Broadway, which brought one to 149th Street and 8th Avenue. Then began a long, circuitous and steep climb up a hill to St. Nicholas Avenue at 152nd Street, followed by a mile tramp to the school. Or one might take, at the present Columbus Circle and 59th Street, a Broadway stage to the 162nd Street entrance to the school grounds. Those who did not mind the extra expense, preferred the New York Central trains from west 30th Street and 12th Avenue, which brought passengers to 152nd Street, then a pleasant walk through Audubon Park to the school. Later on came the elevated line, at first to 104th Street, and

eventually to 155th Street and 8th Avenue, with a half mile walk to Fanwood. Looking back to those days it now seems an arduous trip this going down town and coming back, but to the pupils of that period it was nothing so very difficult, being merely a matter of *must*.

WITH the close of the school session at the California School for the Deaf, Messrs. James W. Howson and Winfield Scott Runde have retired from active service as professors at the School, the one after 38 years of service and the other after 37 years.

As Superintendent Stevenson so truly remarked in his address on their retirement:

"The school will lose the efforts of two splendid teachers. The teachers will never forget you as co-workers and friends. The children will sorely miss your help and guidance. You have served well."

Tacoma, Wash.

Tacoma Silent Fellowship held its annual election of officers Saturday evening, May 21st, at the usual assembly place, Carpenter's Hall. The result: Everett Hollenbeck, president; Noah Dixon, vice-president; Frank Cater, secretary; Edward Hale, treasurer; John Anderson, sergeant. The outgoing officers were Follice Mapes, president; Carl Nolter, secretary; Neils Boesen, treasurer; Miss Irish, sergeant. The next meeting of the club will be held at Carpenter's Hall in July.

The Lutherans (deaf) are working with new impetus in the hopes of establishing a church of their own in Tacoma. The Lutheran Ladies' Aid, which has been languishing for two or three years, was reorganized March 30th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lorenz. Mrs. Gerson was chosen as president, Mrs. Stuard, secretary, and Mrs. Hale, treasurer. Unlike the Ladies' Aid of the hearing world, the deaf women do their work for the aid beforehand, as, naturally they cannot talk and work at the same time.

May 13th, the L. L. A. met at Mrs. Stuard's in Puyallup. Thirteen ladies were present and six children. Everything was perfectly perfect, in spite of the date. Perhaps the six infants furnished the antidote. The next meeting of this group will be held at Lincoln Park, June 15th. After work the men will join the ladies at a picnic supper—paying for the privilege, and the eats—of course.

A pie social was held by the L. L. A. at the Gerson home Sunday, May 22d, the proceeds going to the general fund of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Burgett entertained Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lorenz at dinner and cards the evening of May 21st, in honor of Mr. Lorenz's birthday.

Mrs. Clarence Stuard is leaving for San Francisco and Oakland, Cal., June 15, via bus. Owing to the season (canning time) she will have to cut her visit short—only two or three weeks—but while there with her daughter, Mrs. Rossen, and other relatives, she hopes to see Mr. and Mrs. George Durant, Mrs. Olaf Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. West, and others who formerly lived around here.

E. S.

Brooklyn Guild of Deaf-Mutes

Meets first Thursday evening each month except July, August and September, at St Mark's Parish House, 230 Adelphi Street, near DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Mr. Charles W. Olsen, Secretary, 371 East 159th Street, Bronx, N. Y. C.
Mrs. S. G. Hoag, chairman of the Entertainments, wishes to remind all of the socials the last Saturday of each month. From the Nevins Street station (I. R. T. subway) or the DeKalb Avenue station (B. M. T.), take the DeKalb trolley car and stop at Adelphi Street.

Isaac Henry Moss

Isaac Henry Moss, pioneer Baltimore nurseryman and one of the leading florists in the city for the last half century, died yesterday at his home, 5316 York road.

The 84-year-old florist established the first nursery in the vicinity of Baltimore on a twenty-acre plot at Gittings and Bellona Avenues in 1897. When he sold that property it was made over into one of the Pinehurst residential districts.

Mr. Moss was born in 1854 in Govanstown, then part of Baltimore county, on the estate of David Perine, who owned much of what is now Homeland. He was educated in Govanstown and started his business in 1883 in a small shop in the 5300 block of York road.

He developed his greenhouses until he owned one of the largest floral concerns in the city. He also owned a florist shop on Bellona Avenue, Woodbrook.

Mr. Moss was the recipient of many prizes and honors. In 1907 he won a gold medal for cut roses, carnations and chrysanthemums at the three hundredth anniversary of Jamestown, Va.

The University of Maryland awarded him a certificate of merit in 1922 "in recognition of distinguished achievements in promoting the development of agriculture and the interests dependent thereon."

Two years ago when the National Flower Show was held in Baltimore, the Society of American Florists, of which he was a member, awarded him two gold medals for a display of orchids and for his spring garden exhibit.

Mr. Moss also was noted as one of the first horticulturists to develop Oriental plant life in this area.

For forty years he was president of the Govanstown Land, Loan and Building Association, and was recognized by the inhabitants of the neighborhood as one of its first citizens.

He was a thirty-second-degree Mason, was several times president of the Florist Cub of Baltimore, and held memberships in the Rotary Club of Baltimore, the Tuscan Lodge, and the Royal Arcanum. He was also on the board of trustees of the Kelso Home for Girls, a Towson orphanage, and the School for the Deaf, at Frederick, and was a member of the official board of the Govanstown Methodist Episcopal Church.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow at the home. Burial will be in the Loudon Park Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lucy Holloway Moss; three daughters, Mrs. Helen Wallace, of Spokane, Wash., and Mrs. Eugene Mohlenrich and Miss Elizabeth Moss, of Baltimore, and one son, Howard I. Moss, vice-president of the Isaac H. Moss Company, Inc. Five grandchildren also survive.—*Baltimore Sun*, May 30.

Mr. Moss was well-known to the deaf, two of his daughters, Elizabeth and Helen, having graduated from Gallaudet. Mr. Moss was for years a member of the Board of Visitors at the Maryland School for the Deaf. He contributed much to the welfare of the deaf, especially the school and the Methodist Church for the Deaf. A good Christian with a very generous heart, always ready to give to help others. He established at the Maryland School the Elizabeth Moss, the Helen Moss, and the Marjorie Moss funds, for pupils living up to the "Golden Rule," and also for those left behind at school during the Christmas holidays.

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MINNESOTA

News items for this column, and subscriptions, should be sent to Wesley Lauritsen, School for the Deaf, Faribault, Minnesota.

DATES AHEAD

(Keep this schedule for future reference. It will not appear again until July 7th)

Sunday, June 12—Mankato.
Sunday, June 19—Faribault Frats at Roberds Lake.
Sunday, June 19—St. Barnabas' Church picnic at Lake Nokomis, Minneapolis.
July 1 to 4—M. A. D. Convention and picnic at Brainerd.
Sunday, July 10—Minneapolis - St. Paul Frats at Lake Nokomis.
Sunday, July 24—Silver Lake, near Rochester.
July 31—Open.
August 7—Open.
August 14—Minneapolis Oral Association picnic.
August 21—Open.
August 28—Minneapolis - St. Paul Lutheran picnic.

GRADUATION

"Graduation is inventory-taking time. It affords you an opportunity to look back upon your school years and judge for yourselves just what you have learned and how you have been trained to meet with life's problems. It challenges you to make of your life a 'quest for the best'."

This was the advice given 22 graduates of the Minnesota School for the Deaf at the annual commencement exercises held Wednesday evening, May 25th, in the Noyes Hall auditorium by C. Willard Cross, superintendent of the Faribault public schools, who spoke on the subject "The Quest for the Best."

Many parents of graduates and friends of the school from nearby and distant communities attended the exercises for which the decorative theme was the class colors, blue and gold. Members of the class entered the auditorium to the strains of a processional march played by Miss Eugenia Stubbins, member of the school faculty. Boy and girl members of the junior class acted as class escorts.

Supt. L. M. Elstad presided at the exercises and Mrs. Elizabeth Watkin served as interpreter. Rev. Frank Wilkins, assistant pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church, pronounced the invocation and the Rev. H. O. Bjorlie, pastor of Ephphatha Church, spoke and signed the benediction.

The valedictory address was made by Bernice Samshal of Norman, on the subject "Victory or Defeat," with Arley Wallsmith of Madison, acting as speaker. Fern Rolfe, Mitchell, S. D., salutatorian, spoke on "Nestlings About to Fly," with Joe Katz, St. Paul, signing the talk. Hazel Thorsness, Rochester, assisted by Marjorie Butenhoff, Baker, as signer, presented an easy on "Patriotism." The class poem was signed by three members of the class Ruth Berglund, Alexandria, Ruth Stuemke, Warren, and Mabel Johnson, Spring Lake, with Miss Josephine Quinn, primary and elementary department principal, serving as reader.

Diplomas, attractively encased in maroon and gold leather folders, were presented the graduates by Ralph Farrar, principal of the high school and vocational departments. Supt. Elstad congratulated the class on the completion of its scholastic work and expressed the hope that success would crown their efforts in whatever pursuit they follow. Following the exercises, those in attendance viewed a varied and artistic display of articles and class projects made and directed by students of the school.

The graduates included: Bernice Samshal, Norman, valedictorian; Fern Rolfe, Mitchell, S. D., salutatorian; Ruth Berg and Dean Peterson, both of Alexandria; Marjorie Butenhoff, Baker; Lillian Engman, Joseph Katz, Laura Knight, all of St. Paul; Helen Godfrey and Robert Plante of Minneapolis; Harriet Grebenec, Aurora; Dorothy Gulbranson, Adolph Marcellus Johns, Winona, class president; Mabel Johnson,

Spring Lake; Ellen Leinonen, Squaw Lake; Greta Nornberg, Rush City; Elaine Segar, Timbrae; Ruth Stuemke, Warren; Hazel Thorsness, Rochester; Maurice Vogel, Mankato; Arley Wallsmith, Madison, and Lenore Zweber, New Market.

Mr. Cross, in opening his address, commented upon the cordial, helpful relations existing between the Faribault public schools and the State School for the Deaf and declared that he was happy that there was such a fine spirit of cooperation existing between the student bodies and faculties of both schools. "Some state schools are inclined to hold themselves aloof from the community in which they are located. But under Supt. Elstad your school has been a cooperative, constructive influence in the community. You are doing a splendid educational job as well."

"At commencement time we must all ask ourselves, 'what have we learned, what are we to do with ourselves now?' Along this line of thought I have chosen the subject 'The Quest for the Best' because it seems to me that the 'quest for the best' is what an educated person would want as his goal in life."

"Human beings differ from animals in that every day in our lives each one of us is forced to make definite decisions, some trivial and some very important. It is significant that very seldom are we choosing between the things that are good and the things that are bad, but we usually choose between the things that are better and the things that are best. Educated people are the only ones who are able to make decisions of this type wisely and soundly."

"I feel that you, as graduates of an educational institution should have definite objectives to strive for. I feel that you as graduates should be able to evaluate the worthwhileness of the training you have received here. Fourfold, I think, are the definite values you have gained as students of this school."

"You have received thorough systematic mental and physical training. Your teachers have realized the sound value of a trained mind and a trained body."

"You have received training which has taught you how to appreciate things—things that are beautiful and constructive."

"You have been taught to have courage in thought, action and convictions."

"You have been taught to be unselfish, willing to give up sacrifices to help others rather than further your own personal advancement."

"How well you will use this valuable training is entirely up to you. If this four-fold program of training is used wisely, helpfully and fairly by you then you will find the 'quest for the best' in life is not a difficult thing to accomplish."

The graduation exercises brought many to Faribault and immediately thereafter many others left Faribault.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Buttenhoff of Baker, Minn., and C. Nordhorgen of Fargo, N. D., were here to attend the graduation of Marjorie Buttenhoff. The visitors were the guests of Miss Evelyn King.

Mr. and Mrs. Alby Peterson of Dayton, Ohio, uncle and aunt of Bernice Samshal, came to see her graduated. Also in attendance were her parents, of Gary, Minn., both graduates of the M. S. D.

Lawrence Paxton, Gallaudet '21, now of Newark, N. J., was in town at graduation time and renewed his acquaintance with old college friends. He is traveling about the country in a 1938 Oldsmobile sedan and states that he has his own distributing business. He took with him Clair Test and promised him a job as distributor.

Immediately after the graduation exercises Miss Eleanor Brown, school librarian, left for California, where she will spend the summer.

Famous N. A. D. Secretary-Treasurer Byron B. Burnes left for Alabama to visit the home folks for a couple of weeks before he again takes up his studies at the University of Chicago around the middle of June.

Scouters Dobson, Lindholm, and Ovist accompanied a group of boy scouts to Fish Lake, where they were to spend a week in the great outdoors. Mrs. Dobson and Mrs. Lindholm accompanied their hubbies and served as cooks and housemothers to the group.

Principal Farrar lost no time in beginning his field work in efforts to place as many deaf people as possible before the public schools close two weeks hence. It is a mighty hard job to secure work for people these days, but Mr. Farrar's middle names are hard work, and with his experience he will no doubt succeed if any one could.

Philadelphia

The Thirteenth Annual Banquet of the Lehigh Association for the Deaf was held at the Americus Hotel, Allentown, Pa., on May 7th. A delicious country style dinner was served. Mr. Harold Snyder of Allentown, acted as toastmaster. Honored guests were Edwin C. Ritchie of Reading; Joseph Lipsett of Philadelphia, and Peter R. Graves of Pittsburgh, our newly-elected P. S. A. D. President.

Miss Evelyn Lauster of New York, fiancée of Mr. Harold Haskins, was given a tea by his mother on Sunday, May 8. Over twenty deaf persons from this city and several out-of-towners were present.

Philadelphia's annual May Frat Social, held at the Grand Fraternity Building, Saturday evening, May 28th, attracted nearly two hundred persons. Dancing featured most of the evening's pleasure, elsewhere others were too busy chatting to their heart's content. The affair was climaxed by the giving away of door prizes. Miss Emma Cloward, Steve Gasco and Cecil Turner came into receipt of them.

Most suprising were the numerous out-of-town callers seen. If by some miracle they got there the committee owes its gratefulness to them in helping bring the affair to a social and financial success.

Glancing around we spied Mr. William Hill of Boston, Mass., in town for a month or two, the Dana Libby's from East Orange, Don Dondiego from up Trenton, and that team of Messrs. Quinn and Friedwald from New York. The Capital city was represented by Antonio Cicchino's, William Ramsey and John B. Davis.

The suprise marriage of Miss Anna Shuba and Maurice Levin is out. Ceremonial rites were undergone March 6th. Further information is lacking. Our congratulation are extended to the happy couple.

Members of the Silent Athletic Club are making great preparations for their nineteenth anniversary social to be held at the clubroom Saturday, June 11th. Dancing, an excellent floor show, and a good time is promised for all, so don't miss it.

By the way we are to be reminded of their picnic to be held at Lake View Park, Royersford, Pa., on Sunday, July 24, 1938, and the annual outing to Hershey Park the last Sunday of June. A. Y.

Special Notice

The JOURNAL office is now packing up for removal to White Plains. It is necessary to condense the next two issues to maintain the continuity of the JOURNAL. Year cards and other standing matter may miss an issue or two, and if mail delivery is late, subscribers are asked to be indulgent until the office is settled at the new school.

GALLAUDET COLLEGE

By Will Rogers

A class of thirteen seniors and seven normals was graduated by Gallaudet College, Saturday afternoon, June 4th. In addition to degrees awarded to the twenty students, two honorary degrees were conferred—the degree of Master of Letters to Howard Leslie Terry of California, and the degree of Master of Pedagogy to Winfield Scott Runde, also of California.

The program consisted of several oration by the members of the graduating class. The Reverend Franklin C. Smielau gave the invocation, and was followed by Miss Vivian Byars of Mississippi, who delivered orally an address on the "Adaptability of the Constitution." She emphasized the self-preserving qualities given the Constitution by the amendment provisions, these provisions permitting changes necessary to meet the ever shifting conditions.

Miss Ethel Koob, New York, then addressed the gathering, taking for the theme of her talk "Public Education and the United States Constitution." Miss Koob declared that equality before the law is an Anglo-Saxon importation, but equal education is an all-American product. The Government's interest in education is its guarantee of a better, finer civilization.

Norman Brown, Arkansas, served in the capacity of valedictorian, and expressed, for the entire class, both sorrow and joy at leaving college. The past five years at Gallaudet, he said, had been very happy, and now that he, and the others look back on the sometimes strict disciplinary measures which at times appeared harsh, it now becomes apparent that they were for the best.

The main address of the program was delivered by Representative Jerry Voorhis of California, with Dr. Hall acting as interpreter. Representative Voorhis warned the audience that democracy must be preserved in order to retain the creative ability of the individual. He continued to say that a solution to the unemployment problem is necessary to the preservation of the democratic principle. "We are all in the same boat—the Ship of State, and pursuing a rocky course. If only one-fifth of us cause it to sink, all of us will go down together."

The Olaf Hanson Award for leadership and character was given to Head Senior Norman Brown, an active participant in all college affairs. Mr. Brown plans to take up a position at the Indiana School in the near future.

Dr. Hall made the announcement that next year will be the 75th anniversary of the college, and that plans were under way for a Nation-wide conference of delegates from schools and colleges for the deaf for October, 1939. He also announced the establishment, beginning next September, of a small research department at the college.

The Candidates for Degrees were:

For the Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Otto Benjamin Berg, North Dakota
Alvin Richard Brother, California
James Newton Collums, Arkansas
George Richard Culbertson, Colorado
Leo Marcus Jacobs, California
Ethel M. Koob, New York
Bertha C. Marshall, New York
Ida Silverman, New Jersey

For the Degree of Bachelor of Science

Eli Conley Akin, Tennessee
Nannie Vivian Byars, Mississippi
Norman Shirley Brown, Arkansas
Race Fred Drake, Arkansas
Henry James Reidelberger, Illinois

For the Degree of Master of Arts in the Normal Department

Virginia Baughman, Kentucky
Jonathan Hall, District of Columbia
Lloyd Abner Harrison, Missouri
Myron A. Leenhouts, New York
Fred LaFayette Sparks, Jr., North Carolina
Archibald Woods Walker, Kentucky
Margaret Louise Yoder, Indiana

HONORARY DEGREES

Master of Letters
Howard Leslie Terry, California
Master of Pedagogy
Winfield Scott Runde, California

Anent Deafness

By Thomas Francis Fox

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Years ago there was established in one of our large cities a club composed of graduates of an oral school, with the intention that all communications in the club life of its members should be strictly oral. The members were bright and enterprising young men, and sought honestly to live up to the advice and warnings that had been inculcated by their teachers as to the debilitating effects on their speech of the use of signs in any manner as a means of communication. After a fair trial they were obliged to own that it was impracticable to get along together by and through lip-reading alone, and had the good sense to acknowledge their failure. They amended their rules so as to permit the free and unlimited use of any method of communication among the members. To-day this organization is one of the largest of the deaf in the country, and its membership embraces graduates of schools employing different systems, while the general mode of communication is the sign language so abhorred by those who do not fully understand its value.

Were the heads of some school to put themselves in the places of deaf people they might become so enlightened as to change their views. Some, of course, never will because they do not wish to; no more are they likely to have much influence upon the matured deaf man or woman in relation to their warnings of their conception of the evil effects of using the sign language. Their advice is simply inviting the deaf to believe that it is preferable for them, when middle life and old age arrive, they must embrace and cherish the spectre of loneliness, perpetual solitude, that will eventually attend segregation from their own kind. Those who would caution the deaf to shun the society of one another have much for which to answer: cases of deaf people found among the insane give rise to the query as to whether such advisors really possess kind or Christian natures.

As related very closely to this topic, one is minded to compare some of the present day with the teachers of other days, and the excellence they attained in general results over those of to-day. It was quite an ordinary matter for their former teachers to meet the adult deaf at social gatherings and celebrations, and to be on familiar terms with them. This practice is still common with Combined System teachers. Thus the interest which the teachers manifest in their former pupils does not end with the school-life, but trails out into the broad, active world, aye, even into the family circle itself. In this manner they readily came to know the deaf, to sympathize in their joys and sorrows, their successes and failures, their temptations and triumphs; they are not slow in aiding with advice and counsel, and often with means to place the improvident upon their feet again. But the deaf do not seek for alms or pecuniary help as much as for cheerful encouragement; some do miss the generous greeting, the familiar smile, the evidence of warm cordiality from those whom they had known as teachers.

It was in the possession and the free expression of right qualities of interest and concern for the spiritual and temporal welfare of the deaf that the "Old Guard" of instructors came to fully understand the deaf, and to be understood, appreciated, and often revered by them. Changed types, altered conditions, different inclinations may account for the present lack of cordiality now existing between teachers and their former pupils. Probably the education of the deaf was undertaken more seriously by hearing teachers in the past, was a more heart-to-heart study; perhaps the main cause of the changed condition is the difference in the character and aims of those who

have come into the profession. The old line was composed of men and women whose interest did not end with the close of the daily school session; as a rule, they were not mere time-servers, but were interested alike in the task of teaching as in the mental, moral and temporal welfare of the children, who were equally the subjects of their observation, their instruction and affection. Teaching to them was a continual problem, the more interesting as it became more complex, and, while it frequently baffled their wits, always made the solution interesting and profitable. Perhaps, also, the means of communication were clearer and more flexible—more certain to reach the comprehension of the children; at any rate, they won and held the affectionate regard of their pupils long after school life ended.

(To be continued)

New York State

CHARLES LEWIS

After a brief illness with kidney trouble, Mr. Charles Lewis, aged forty-nine years, passed away on May 22, 1938, in St. Luke's Hospital, Utica.

He was born in Syria, and married Anna Ameen twenty-nine years ago. He attended St. Louis Gonzaga Church.

Besides his widow he leaves eleven children: Mrs. John L. Kennedy, Mrs. Albert Roy, Mrs. George Barket, Helen, Mamie, Rose, Catherine, Mary, Marion, Chares and Joseph; a brother, Shaffee; five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held from his late home, 403 Keck Place, Utica, on Tuesday morning, May 24th, and at St. Louis of Gonzaga Church. A requiem high mass was celebrated by the Rev. Francis Lahond, pastor. Interment was made in the family burial plot in Calvary Cemetery.

The family have the sympathy of their friends in their sorrow.

The Rome Alumni Association of the School for the Deaf will hold its annual business meeting at the school for the deaf on the afternoon of Saturday, June 18th. In the evening there will be a banquet and a number of prominent speakers will be present and a program of entertainment has been arranged. It is hoped that there will be a good turnout of Alumni members and friends.

Mrs. Mary Brennan, Bartlett, who has been quite ill nearly all winter, has recovered her old time vigor and is looking forward to attend the Reunion of her *Alma Mater*, the Rome School for the Deaf on June 18th.

Mr. L. D. Huffstater, Clayton, has discontinued his novelty store and is now employed as handy man by several well-to-do residents in his hometown.

Position Wanted

Middle aged widow desires position as housekeeper or child's nurse. Experienced in both positions. Write to Mrs. Anna E. Trough, 261 Carsonia Avenue, Mt. Penn.—Reading, Pa. 7-7-38

Union League of the Deaf

711 Eighth Ave., New York City

Will have a

LITERARY NIGHT

on

Sunday, June 12th**SPEAKERS**

MR. WILLIAM RENNER
THE ROMEROS
MR. FRANK HOPPAUGH
MR. SAMUEL FRANKENHEIM
MR. LIBERIO YACCARONE

DEBATE: "Is the New Deal Justified"

Speakers will not exceed 15 minutes each.

Moving Pictures, if weather permits

The committee cannot guarantee that advertised speakers will appear, but does guarantee a good show.

Admission, 25 Cents**St. Louis, Mo.**

Circulars are being distributed of the coming annual picnic given by the St. Louis Division, No. 24, N.F.S.D., at Mueller's Park on Sunday, July 10. There will be soft ball games for the ladies and men, as well as games of lotto, etc. One of the biggest features of the day will be a cash prize award for the bathing beauty winner. The committee of Messrs. Griser, Wyatt, Spiegel, Aut, Marshall and Buelteman are working for a big time for all who come.

A new club has been organized at the Union Avenue Christian Church under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Turezeck. It is to meet the second and fourth Saturdays of the month in a basement room provided at disposal. Many different games such as chess, ping-pong, checkers, etc., can be indulged in by both the old and young. A small membership fee will make possible the purchase of new games later on.

Mr. Charles Kleinschmidt departed to the "great beyond" on Tuesday May 10, after a long illness of incurable nature. His funeral was held from the Schnur Funeral Home on

the 14th, with Rev. Steideman officiating, and Miss Clara Steideman by his side as interpreter. Always a good fellow, Charlie as he was called by many, had the misfortune to be handicapped beside his deafness with poor eyesight. However, when he had a job, he used to drive his own car without getting in a jam.

The little granddaughter of the Chenerys, Marian, has been left practically an orphan by the recent death of the mother. The father, son of the Chenerys, died seven years ago, and since then Marian has been double attached to the Chenerys. Marian now belongs to them and as soon as she finishes her schooling in Michigan, will make her home with them.

L. R. B.

Hebrew Assn. of the Deaf, Inc.

Temple Beth-El, 76th St., Cor. 5th Ave.

Meets Third Sunday at 8 P.M. of the month. Information can be had from Mrs. Tanya Nash, Executive Director, 4 East 76th Street, New York City; or Mrs. Joseph C. Sturtz, Secretary, 1974 Grand Ave., New York City.

Religious Services held every Friday evening at 8:30. Athletic and other activities every Wednesday evening. Socials First and Third Sunday evenings. Movies Third Wednesday of the month.

THIRTY-NINTH

BIENNIAL CONVENTION

NEW ENGLAND GALLAUDET ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

Headquarters—BILTMORE HOTEL, PROVIDENCE, R. I.

July 2, 3, 4, 1938**PROGRAM**

Saturday, July 2.—2 P.M. OPENING OF CONVENTION
8:30 P.M. BALL

Sunday, July 3.—2 P.M. BUSINESS MEETING
8:00 P.M. BOAT EXCURSION

Monday, July 4.—10:00 A.M. OUTING, Crescent Amusement Park
1:00 P.M. RHODE ISLAND SHORE DINNER

The Biltmore Hotel has given us a limited number of rooms at reduced rates, so make your reservations early.

For information and reservations write to

Abram Cohen, Chairman, or to Frederick Ruckdeschel, Secretary
Rhode Island School for Deaf, 520 Hope St., Providence, R. I.

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Empire State Association of the Deaf

Albany, N. Y., July 29 - 31, 1938**Headquarters -- HOTEL TEN EYCK**

Please check all items below if possible and mail this slip to Secretary Wm. M. Lange, Jr., 57 Dove St., Albany, N. Y., immediately.

- [] I will be present at Ten Eyck Hotel Thursday afternoon.
[] I will be present Friday morning. [] Afternoon.
[] I will be present Saturday morning. [] Afternoon.
[] I will be present at All-day Outing Sunday.

[] I will attend the Banquet on Saturday night (July 30th) and will send my remittance for my reservation before that date. Banquet—\$2.00 per plate. How many do you wish to reserve? plates.

NOTICE:—All reservations for banquet must be accompanied by remittances on or before the 20th day of July, 1938. Tickets will be limited to 300.